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NETWORK, AND 3R RELAY IMPLEMENTATION  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 72 of this paper.